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*To His Excellency, the Governor, and the Presiding Officers and  
Members of the General Assembly:*

The Committee to Investigate the Feasibility of Establishing a Liaison between the Public School System and the Colleges of the State has the honor to submit its report herewith.

(I) *History.*

This Committee was established pursuant to Concurrent Resolution S. 197 (1963) of the General Assembly, with instructions to report at the 1964 term.

The following were appointed to the Committee and now constitute its membership:

*Members of the Senate, appointed by the President:*

Hon. Charles C. Moore, Spartanburg

Hon. Frank L. Roddey, Lancaster

Hon. Henry C. Walker, Ridgeland

*Members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker:*

Hon. W. Brantley Harvey, Jr., Beaufort

Hon. C. Heath Manning, Columbia

Hon. E. Windell McCrackin, Myrtle Beach

*Governor's appointees:*

Mrs. Dessie D. Pitts, Johnston

Mr. Neville Holcombe, Spartanburg

Dr. J. Howard Stokes, Florence

Senator Moore was elected Chairman.

The Committee has held a number of meetings. Representative College and High School administrators were invited to express their views. In response to this invitation, the following made statements before the Committee:

Dr. Thomas F. Jones, President of the University of South Carolina.

Dr. H. W. Davis, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Carolina.



Dr. William Savage, Dean of Admissions, University of South Carolina.

Dr. C. S. Davis, President of Winthrop College.

Dr. Walter D. Smith, Dean of Winthrop College.

Dr. R. C. Edwards, President of Clemson College.

Dr. C. M. Smythe, Dean of the Medical College of South Carolina.

Dr. F. W. Kinard, Associate Professor, Department of Physiology, Medical College of South Carolina.

Col. James W. Duckett, Dean of the Citadel.

Dr. Charles D. Ashmore, Dean of Converse College.

Dr. Fenton Keyes, President of Coker College.

Dr. Phillip Smith, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, Bob Jones University.

Dr. Jesse T. Anderson, State Superintendent of Education.

Mr. E. M. Morrow, State High School Supervisor.

Mr. Arthur Smith, President of the South Carolina Education Association and Superintendent of Lake City Schools.

Mr. Cyril Busbee, Superintendent of Brookland-Cayce Schools.

Dr. G. T. Myers, Superintendent of Lancaster City Schools.

Mr. W. Eugene Smith, Principal of Orangeburg High School.

Mr. J. R. Mellette, Superintendent of Timmonsville Schools.

Dr. W. B. Royster, Coordinator of Guidance and Testing, State Department of Education.

Mr. Kirby B. Jackson, Principal of Marion High School.

Mr. C. F. Kneece, Superintendent of Aiken County Schools.

Mr. E. A. Eaddy, Chairman of the Teacher Education and Professional Standards Commission, South Carolina Education Association.

Dr. George W. Hopkins, Director, Division of Teacher Education and Certification, State Board of Education.

Mr. L. J. Hendrix, Superintendent of Ridgeland Schools.

Mr. W. E. Dufford, Principal Beaufort High School.

Mr. J. J. Godbold, Principal Rock Hill High School.

Mr. L. S. Fleniken, Jr., Principal Strom Thurmond High School, Edgefield, S. C.



Dr. J. C. Holler, Director Division of Instruction, State Board of Education.

The Committee set aside one of its meetings for a public hearing and publicized the meeting. Mr. Charles N. Plowden of Summerton appeared in response to the Committee's invitation.

## (II) *Scope of the Committee's Work.*

In all of its hearings and deliberations, the Committee has endeavored to keep in mind that its assignment is a comparatively narrow one, namely, to investigate the need and feasibility of establishing a closer working relationship between the colleges and high schools of the State, and to determine how this objective might best be realized.

Consequently, this Committee is taking no position with reference to a number of acute problems besetting the colleges and high schools, many of which were discussed by those who appeared before the Committee, for the sole reason that the Committee considered them outside the scope of its duties.

In the course of its hearings, the Committee sensed a feeling on the part of some of the high school administrators that the Committee was critical of them. It has not been the purpose of the Committee to fix blame on anyone, but only to determine, if possible, how the admittedly wide gap between college and high school can be better bridged for the young people involved in the educational process in South Carolina.

## (III) *Recommendations.*

After extensive and careful study this Committee finds that a liaison between the colleges and high schools of South Carolina appears imminently feasible. It therefore submits the following recommendations:

(A) That a Liaison Committee of five be set up immediately with a chairman and four coordinating chairmen; two to be chosen from the colleges—one from the Independent and one from the State colleges—and two from the high schools—one from small and one from the large high schools. It is recommended that the chairmen and the two college members be chosen by the Governor and the two high school members be chosen by the State Board of Education. It is further recommended that the Chairman be chosen from the college level.



(B) That the five-member Liaison Committee appoint *three* State Area Committees (one each for upper, middle, and lower state) of four members each; one for smaller and one for larger high schools; and one for Independent and one for State colleges, making a twelve-member total for all.

(C) That to do an expedient, effective study for facilitating the reduction of, or if possible the elimination of existing gaps between the Colleges and High Schools, members of the Area Committees should confer in their respective areas with the college presidents, deans and chairmen of Liberal Arts departments and whatever other majors or special courses the colleges offer freshmen. A comparable set up should be devised with high school superintendents, principals, chairmen of departments and counselors—all findings to be reported to the Liaison Committee of five for its study and action.

(D) That summer workshops be set up in each of the three State areas to facilitate a clearer comprehension of the college program; its policies, requirements; obligations to the public and to the individual student; and also its pressures, professional and economic. The members of the workshops should discuss together methods and procedures for implementing and promoting a continuing program and a *flexible* curriculum for meeting the needs of the high school student and the college freshman who experience the gap.

(1) That the entire workshop program be conducted on a constructive basis for making available useful and practical information to aid in strengthening the State's education program in such a way that it will in turn aid in bridging the existing gap between many of the high school graduates seeking a college education and the freshmen failures in college.

(2) That the workshop be conducted by South Carolina educators and instructors best acquainted with the problem.

(E) That for general information, and perhaps some recommendations if requested, teaching-texts be reviewed by educators qualified in the texts' field of study, within the colleges and high schools themselves, to insure the *timeliness* of the text for presenting the quality of instruction compatible with the State's program for improving educational standards to remove existing gaps and encourage the student to stay in school and pursue his education for future usefulness in a career of his potential and choice.



(F) That the Liaison Committee, as soon as appointed, work toward implementation of its program at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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